



Minutes

April 14, 2024

Welcome –Debbie Clary, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1PM.

****Notification of the board meeting was advertised on the Pinnacle Classical Academy website and the front doors of the school building were open.**

In attendance:

*Attending: Board Members - Debbie Clary, Jeremy Boone, Ken Mooney, Amy Dulin
Pauline Cahill and Wes Westmoreland attended virtually*

Administration - Shelly Shope, Wendy Clary, Laura Beth Richardson, and Angela Brooks

Four members of the public were present: Rebecca Arrowwod, David Clary, Mike Dyer, and Tammy Trammel

Conflict of Interest Statement *In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. If any board member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict at this time, and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.*

Adoption of Agenda *Motion made by Amy Dulin and 2nd by Ken Mooney, all Approved.*

Approval of Minutes *Amy Dulin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2024 Meeting, Ken Mooney seconded the motion, all approved.*

Public Comments *Persons wishing to appear before the Board during this portion of the meeting should register their name and the subject they wish to address with the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is interested in hearing your concerns, yet speakers should not expect comment, action, or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the public comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate board committee.*

Public Comments:

- 1. Rebecca Arrowwod; 923 Sedgefield Dr, Shelby NC; Discussed Restroom use*
- 2. Mike Dyer; 1025 East Sanders Road, Shelby NC; Discussed Restroom use*
- 3. Tammy Trammel; 118 Stonecrest Drive, Shelby NC; Discussed pride in school and how happy with the education her daughter has received from PCA*

Dr. Shope was available and met with all parents at the conclusion of the Board meeting to discuss concerns and follow up with parents.

Administration Reports -

Dean of Elementary Education Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by Mrs. Wendy Clary
April, 2024

Action Items:

- None

PEAK

- A volunteer recognition was held for the 2023-2024 PEAK officers to show appreciation for their time, dedication, and planning for our school, staff, and students. We would like to make this an annual event.
- The recognition was held at Pfeiffer's in the reserved, upstairs area.
- Awards were presented to each officer along with a Pinnacle swag bag.
- Vickie Spangler, the founder of PEAK was also recognized for organizing and writing the bylaws and being an inspiration to all who followed.

Teacher Retention

- Professional Development by iLeadr took place on March 21st for teachers. The focus of this PD was for iLeader to model small group lessons for teachers. Teachers were able to request individual focus areas (fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, chunking text or phrases, choral reading, etc.)
- These sessions were tailored to teacher needs/wants.
- Employees of the Month:
 - Joy Justice (1st Grade TA)-March
 - Wendy Whitaker (Kindergarten TA)-February
 - Robin Kester (Administrative Assistant)-January
 - Laura Ballard (Art K-5)-December
 - Haley Haire (1st Grade TA)-November
 - Amy Horton (1st Grade TA)-October
 - Hannah Jackson (1st Grade Teacher)-September
 - Kimberly Guffey (1st Grade Teacher)-August

Enrollment

- K-Day 2024
 - K-Day 2024 was held on March 15th, the Friday after the lottery. Parents signed up for a time to bring their child to be given the Kindergarten Brigance Developmental Screening.
 - There were 14 assessors who began testing at 8:00 and ended the day at 2:00 with a total of 105 students tested on this day.
 - All of our kindergarten and first grade teams helped on this day along with representation from our health team and SROs.
 - We will make arrangements for makeup testing to happen in April/May.

Community

- Shelby Alarm graciously provided both campuses with a chicken lunch from the Hospice fundraiser. This is the 2nd year that they have done this.
- Good News Club
 - Landmark Baptist Church met with our students each Tuesday and wrapped up the year on March 26th.
 - They had an average of 40 students each week.
 - This is the 6th year that they have sponsored our school.

- Boiling Springs Area Rotary- I was asked to give the Rotary [presentation](#) on March 18th. This was via Zoom. I had a lot of positive feedback and received an “A+”.

Personnel

- We are monitoring enrollment to determine the number of classrooms/positions needed for next year.
- Western Carolina Job Fair- Carolyn Jackson and myself attended the WCU job fair on March 22nd to represent Pinnacle and recruit possible candidates.
- Gardner Webb University-Kendra McGinnis and Laura Beth Richardson went on April 10th to represent and recruit.

Testing/Data

- NC Check-In C data for reading-(3rd grade data)
 - Check-In A mean=49.9
 - Check-In B mean=52
 - Check-In C mean=61.3
- 3rd Grade Assessments
 - ~~NC Check In 3-April 9th and 11th~~
 - EOY iReady Diagnostic-April 17th and 19th
 - NC EOG-May 13th and 15th
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade EOY iReady Diagnostic-April 22nd-May 13th ● 2nd Grade EOY iReady Diagnostic-April 23rd and 25th

Upcoming Dates:

- April 15th: Fire Drill
- April 17th: 3rd Grade iReady Reading
- April 17th: K-3 BT Monthly Meeting @ 3:45pm
- April 18th: Grades Due for Q4 Progress Reports 8:00am
- April 18th: K-5 Family STEM Night 6:00-7:30 pm

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- April 19th: 3rd Grade EOY iReady Math
- April 19th: College T-Shirt Day
- April 19th: Progress Reports Go Home
- April 22nd: Parent Teacher Conferences
- April 23rd: K-1 iReady Window Opens
- April 23rd: 2nd Grade iReady Reading
- April 24th: 2nd Grade Red Cross Presentation
- April 25th: 2nd Grade iReady Math
- April 25th: 2nd Grade Spring Musical @ PEAK Meeting
- April 25th: PEAK Meeting

Presented by
Mrs. Laura Beth Richardson
April 2024

Curriculum/Academics/Data

- Soon we will have multiple data points as we near EOGs. Testing windows are below:
 - iReady End of Year Diagnostic, Math and Reading: April 8-12

- NC Check-In 3: April 22 - May 3rd
- Data from these assessments will be shared at the May board meeting. We are looking forward to seeing growth, especially when compared to the beginning of year data!

Professional Development:

- Ms. McGinnis and I found the Teach Like a Champion workshop to be informative and helpful. The teaching techniques that were taught and demonstrated will be particularly valuable as we support and coach our beginning teachers. It was also a pleasure to meet school leaders and teachers from other states and other parts of the world such as the UK and Australia.

Beginning Teacher/New Hires:

- Beginning teachers are continuing to meet monthly with their assigned mentors. All peer observations have been completed and the final beginning teacher meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, April 11th.

Hiring/Personnel

- Ms. McGinnis and I will be attending the Gardner Webb job fair on April 10th to build connections with prospective employees. At this job fair, we often speak with current PCA families as well as answer questions about PCA to parents who are interested in learning more about what we have to offer as a local school of choice.
- Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Zielger, and I have continued interviewing prospective employees who have applied for 2024-25 school year positions.

4th-8th Grade Activities

- The Classical Foundations Wax Museums hosted by 4th and 5th grade students were phenomenal! Both events were extremely well-planned and well-attended. Many families, students, and staff were impressed with the work that had been put into the projects. A big thank you to Mrs. Barnes for her time and effort in coaching the 4th and 5th grade teachers in this project!
- 5th graders recently enjoyed an overnight field trip to Mountain Trails Outdoor Science School. This was the first opportunity for these students to experience an overnight trip through PCA. The beginning teacher on the team, Ms. Berlin, was responsible for coordinating most of the trip- quite a feat for a first year teacher! This trip earned excellent reviews from students, staff, and parents. Photos below.
- National Junior Honor Society: The NJHS will be selling pizza during lunch on April 12th and 26th. All proceeds collected will be donated to The March of Dimes. Mrs. Campbell, one of our middle school English teachers, has done an excellent job heading up the NJHS this school year!

9-12 Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by

Mrs. Angela Brooks

April 14, 2024

Curriculum and Academics:

- We had 19 juniors and seniors attend *Making It Work*, an all-day event hosted by Cleveland Community College on Wednesday, March 27. Students were able to attend a job fair and tour

several areas of CCC including the advanced manufacturing center. Students then competed in an engineering competition and traveled to Plastic Products, Inc. in Kings Mountain for a tour. This was a wonderful experience for our students and let them view some local industry within the county.

Extracurricular Activities:

● **Prom**

- The Prom committee has started meeting and planning this year's prom. It will be a red carpet event. The evening will be hosted at the Cleveland Country Club and prom tickets are now on sale. The date for this year's prom is Saturday, April 20th.

● **Student Government**

- Student government, with the assistance of Mr. Ledbetter, planned, coordinated, and implemented a high school field day on Wednesday, March 27th. The students participated in a wide variety of games and activities, they had music, played capture the flag, tug of war, water balloons, etc. Kona Ice was also available to purchase for any interested students. The students had a wonderful time and the event went very well.

● **Scholarship Committee**

- The scholarship committee is meeting quite regularly at this time. They are setting up committees of volunteers to interview students and working diligently to plan the upcoming golf tournament. The first round of interviews for seniors was held on

Wednesday, Feb. 28th. The interview team had a very difficult decision and was most impressed with our Pinnacle students.

- The second annual Dare to Soar Golf tournament will be held at Deer Brook Golf Club on Friday, April 19th. We are looking for sponsors, door prizes, etc. to help make this event successful. More information can be found on the schools website or I will have flyers available for anyone interested at the meeting.

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Community Outreach:

- PCA's National Honor Society is once again 'FLUSHING CANCER' to raise money for our Relay for Life team. Last year, our Relay for Life team exceeded our goal of \$2,500, and we were one of the top 10 teams in Cleveland County. This year their goal is \$3,000. Please help us to exceed our goal again by participating in this fundraiser.

Professional Development:

- The Classical Foundations Program hosted a speaker at PCA on Tuesday, March 26th. Mr. Howard Beatty, spoke to some grade 10-12 classrooms during the school day. Mr. Beatty is a retired engineer and business leader who has a good deal of experience speaking to elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Special Awards and Recognitions:

- PCA has three young ladies that will be attending Girl's State this summer, Alyssa Clark, Chesnee Stewart, and T'Niya White. The American Legion Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State originated in 1940 to provide an opportunity to study and practice citizenship. For over 80

years, this program has served several thousand young leaders by deepening their sense of responsibilities as citizens and serving as a practical source of instruction in the structure and operation of state and local governments. While there our students will join other juniors from across the state to spend a week creating city government, political parties, and a state government. They will elect officials, write and debate bills, create working governments and attend various workshops to prepare them for their senior year and college.

- Marissa Hull, a senior, is the recent recipient of the ACE Award. The A.C.E. Award recognizes high school seniors that have Accepted the Challenge of Excellence. A.C.E. Award winners have overcome personal or physical adversity that could have been used as an excuse to fail, but instead the student chose to work hard and succeed. The students spoke to the Club about their experiences and what motivated them to excel even in difficult and discouraging circumstances. The Exchange Club presented each student with a certificate of recognition and \$200.
- Heather Carswell, senior, officially signed to compete in archery at the University of the Cumberland on Saturday, March 2nd. This is a wonderful opportunity for Heather and we are so happy to be able to celebrate with her.

Senior Activities

- As of March 4th, the class of 2024 has been offered \$2,664,000.00 in merit based scholarships! That is an increase from last month by \$180,610. We are excited for the Class

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of 2024! Seniors are just beginning to receive their financial packages and we hope to be able to reach our goal of \$4,000,000 soon.

- CPR Training is currently being planned for our seniors. This course is a requirement for graduation and will be completed by that day.

Important Dates for the 2023-24 School year:

Saturday, April 20th - Prom at the Cleveland Country Club

Friday, May 31st - Senior Scholarship Night at the Lyceum

Saturday, June 1st - Graduation at the Lyceum

Headmaster Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by Dr. Shelly Shope

April 2024

Action Items:

- Requesting approval of the presented budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

Curriculum and Academics:

● Instructional Feedback

- One of the largest areas of focus for the admin team is informal walkthroughs and formal teacher observations. The team is in the final round of formal observations for this school year. The data collected is used to help the team know how to support teachers as we continually push to make all instruction exemplary.
- The team has completed 455 informal walkthroughs and 159 formal observations. ●

Testing

- Our 4th-8th grade students took their final iReady diagnostics this week, and our 3rd grade students took their final NC Check-Ins this week.
- We had several students take the National Spanish Exam this week.
- We are preparing for our 9th grade students to take the PSAT next week, while our 10th and 11th grade students will take the SAT.
- AP: We will test the second and third weeks of May
- **National Latin Exam**
 - We have a total of nine winners from our school.
 - **Intro to Latin:**
 1. Alayna Hudson: Silver Medal
 2. Luke Henry: Magna Cum Laude
 3. Yuleisi Giron Guzman: Cum Laude
 4. Aerieanna Dyer: Cum Laude
 5. Carter Mikell: Cum Laude
 6. Grant Romesberg: Cum Laude

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- **Beginning Latin**

1. Anzlee Kilby: Magna Cum Laude
2. William Bowen: Magna Cum Laude

- **Intermediate Latin**

1. Rachel Liljestrang: Cum Laude

- **Special Student Populations**

- ACCESS is complete. Ms. Ramsey continues to do a fantastic job working with these students.
- We are in the process of finalizing end of the year paperwork. It is almost time to begin writing the IDEA grant.
- We are moving our 504 system to ECATS which is the system we use for IEPs. This will streamline our process and help us to stay in compliance to provide these students with what they need to excel academically.

Finance*:

- Financial information is attached. We continue to be in a strong financial position. ● Last month you were presented with the recommended budget for the 2024-2025 school year. We are asking for approval of that budget.

Human Resources:

- **Positions for 2024-2025**

- Positions for the 2024-25 school year have been posted online and we have started to recruit and interview to find the best possible candidates for our school.
- We will publish new positions as soon as approved
- We are continuing to attend job fairs for recruitment.

Community Relations

- **Robotics Sponsorship**

- We have received a \$500 sponsorship from BOSCH

● **National History / Geography Bee**

- We have four students who have qualified for the Middle & Elementary School National Championships in the National History Bee and/or National Geography Bee in Orlando in May.
 - Fifth Grader
 - Ximena Martinez
 - Seventh graders:
 - Fisher Grayson,
 - Bryce Harris
- We are so proud of all of our students who qualified for, and competed in, the various National History Bee regional finals, including Ximena, Fisher, Bryce, Maxwell, Finley Burton, Dairleth Chavez, Aniston Kinmon, Mia Kinmon, and Daniel Stroup. Congratulations to these students!!

Legal / DPI:

- **EpiCenter**
 - We are up to date with all submissions.

Athletics:

- Report is attached

Enrollment Report

- **Lottery**
 - We had a great turn-out for our lottery. Huge thank you to Mrs. Clary and her team it was a great success!
- **Retention of new students**
 - Mrs. Clary and her team will reach out to the new kindergartners each month between now and August with something from the school.
- **2023-24 Enrollment**
 - As of April 10th, we have received 306 Initial Applications for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Based on the ever-changing data below, we are recommending the following classes. ■
 - Remain at 5 Kindergarten classes
 - Add an additional 10th grade section (making 4)
 - Add an additional 11th grade section (making 3)
 - Move from 5 to 4 2nd grade classes

Current	Offered	Final Apps	Total #s for 24-25	Waitlist	# of Classes	Class Ave
0	133	111	111	4	5	22.2
103	18	13	116	1	5	23.2

98	2	8	106	4	5	21.2
106	1	1	107	11	4	26.75
93	16	9	102	5	5	20.4
99	18	10	109	5	5	21.8
96	15	10	106	3	4	26.5
95	8	6	101	3	4	25.25
96	14	11	107	1	4	26.75
103	8	6	109	4	4	27.25
89	0	0	89	2	4	22.25
63	0	0	63	4	3	21
44	0	0	44	1	2	22

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PCA Athletics

"Report to the Board of Directors"

4/9/2024

A. The Athletic Department is proud to partner with two new businesses for the 24-25 school year. The Athletic Department plans to work diligently to retrain the sponsorships currently in place for the 23-24 school year and to obtain new additional sponsorships for the 24-25 school year.

- Mr. Darin Brown: *Caldwell Appraisals*
- Mr. Kevin Nunn: *CPS Construction*

B. The Athletic Department is excited to introduce two new Head Coaches:

- Mr. Shaun Donovan (Varsity Men's Soccer)
- Mr. Bradley Baldwin (MS Men's Soccer)

C. The Athletic Department submits a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the proposed restructuring of the *Athletic Committee* for the 24-25 school year. Please see the link below:

- [PCA Athletic Committee](#)

D. The Athletic Department is beyond thankful for the tireless efforts of Mr. Clary and Strickland Construction for the updates to the baseball field and the installation of our new scoreboard!

Current Sports in Season: (Spring 2024)

- Varsity Baseball
- Varsity Track
- Varsity Softball
- Varsity Women's Soccer
- Varsity Archery
- MS Archery
- MS Baseball
- Elementary Archery

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- Coming up: Tryouts for (Fall 2024)

- Varsity Men's Soccer
- Varsity Women's Volleyball
- Varsity Men's Cross Country
- Varsity Women's Cross Country
- MS Men's Cross Country
- MS Women's Cross Country
- MS Men's Soccer

- Upcoming Archery Dates @ PCA

- May 11th, 2024 (S3DA State Qualifier)
- June 8th, 2024 (NC S3DA State Championship)

Action Items:

1. *A motion was made by Jeremy to table Mr. Ziegler's report until he was able to present at a later date, Wes seconded the motion, all approved.*
2. *Ken Mooney made a motion to approve the budget as outlined and presented by the finance committee as all members of the board had now had over a month to review. Wes seconded the motion, all approved.*

Committee Updates:

1. *Facilities: David Clary gave an update on construction.*
2. *The Internship Committee also gave an update and made public the moving forward with an elective Internship class for the 2024-2025 school year.*

Adjournment *Ken made a motion to adjourn and Amy Dulin seconded. Meeting was adjourned.*